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LETTER DATED 5 JANUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to our letters of protest, most recently that circulated as document S/25033, concerning violations of Iraqi airspace by United States aircraft and the dropping of heat flares by them on certain areas, I have the honour to inform you that at 1025 and 1040 hours on 26 December 1992 such aircraft dropped heat flares to the south of the lake formed by Saddam Dam.

The persistence of United States aircraft in dropping heat flares once again confirms the fact that the United States Government is continuing to inflict injury on Iraq and its people and to encroach on its sovereignty and security, and it constitutes a flagrant violation of international law and international covenants on the part of the United States Government.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq, once again affirming that the United States Government is to be held fully responsible for engaging in internationally prohibited acts, calls upon the Security Council to condemn such acts and to urge the United States Government to desist therefrom and make reparation for the material damage sustained by Iraq and its people thereby.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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